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Council Clashes on Rubbish Bids

Security Bank Opens First Torrance Branch



GILBERT A. PANDO
... New Bank Manager

Torrance welcomes its newest addition to community growth and business expansion Friday, Aug. 19, when the Security First National Bank opens its first local branch with dedication day festivities.

Located at 190 and Anza, the branch is the first of three Security facilities scheduled to open in the Torrance area. Others under construction are in downtown Torrance and at 174 and Crenshaw Blvds.

Transferred from the Anaheim branch, Gilbert A. Pando has been named manager of the branch.

Old Friends Meet as Policeman Nabs Drunk

Four years ago, Police Captain John Maestri picked up and booked Robert Roy Olsen for drunken driving. Friday, it happened again.

Although Maestri had not seen Olsen in four years, once again he booked the 36-year-old sheet metal worker of 2222 Arlington on the same charge. In Olsen's wallet under the line "whom to notify in an emergency," Olsen had written "Stone and Meyers." The two names belong to a Torrance mortuary.



WALTERIA ROUNDUP—Looking forward to wearing the crown signifying the queen of Walteria Roundup Days September 9, girls of South High School are competing for the

honor. Camera-viewed here is Sharon Brennan, previous queen, with contestant Terry Taylor and ten-gallon hat master of ceremonies John Barton.

Roundup Will Select Beauty

There is a beautiful girl somewhere in Torrance who is destined to become a beauty queen, reigning over the forthcoming Walteria Roundup Days, according to Robert Waegner, general chairman of the hoopla.

The annual event, sponsored by the Walteria Businessmen's Club, will begin Sept. 9 with a beauty contest, show and dinner at the

Polynesian Restaurant, Waegner announced. The annual carnival is slated Sept. 11, noon. Ten beauties are competing for the title of Miss Walteria.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the event is John Barton, with Roy Bayer named sheriff and Bob Pinkney, deputy. Dr. W. J. Labit is grand marshal.

The honorary sheriff's posse includes Charles Sheppard, Pete Reitz, Arlo Klum, Councilman J. A. Beasley, Jack Rogers and Leo Kerns. Queen contest chairman is Don Mathews, with Chris Sorenson named dinner chairman. Additional committeemen are Tom Jones, Virgil Hancock, John Stretch, Ray Hauge, John Iwata, Bob Kikuno, and Emil Kay.

Reservations for the soiree may be made through Chris Sorenson, FR 5-2476. Contestants are all South High School students under eighteen years of age.

Local Reservists Off on Maneuvers

Two hundred and twenty members of the Fifth Communication Co., Marine Corps Reserve Unit, including many Torrance residents, departed this weekend for two weeks' field training at Twenty-nine Palms, California.

Local leathernecks are taking part in the largest Marine Corps Reserve maneuver ever conducted, according to Major John W. Lazar, Rolling Hills, commanding officer.

First week of training will constitute a rehearsal for mobilization as reserve units from all over the nation are brought together.

The second week will be spent in tactical training under combat conditions. The giant maneuver, "Operation Charger," is a joint air-ground exercise involving ground troops, supporting arms, and Marine aircraft. A major element of the operation will be a "vertical envelopment" concept in which helicopter assault forces add another dimension to tactical situations.

Help Offered School Board in Tax Quest

The proposed fifty cent tax over-ride, to benefit the Torrance School District, slated for local voters' decision at the polls Oct. 11, is receiving community support. William C. Boswell, School Board president, announced today.

Formation of a Committee of 100, to serve in a community-action spurring capacity, is rapidly gaining membership. Dr. J. H. Hull, school superintendent, declared.

The following have lent their names to the committee. Dr. Hull reported. Mrs. G. W. Ackerman, Mrs. Perry Baker, Mrs. Russell R. Bardick, Joseph P. Bay, O.D., Mrs. W. H. Bayliff, J. A. Beasley, Mrs. Waneta F. Bereda, J. C. Brumfield, D.D., Mrs. Evelyn Carr.

J. A. Ebbinghouse, Rev. and Mrs. J. Kenneth Edwins, Howard C. Fletcher, Mrs. Rod Freeman, Mrs. J. P. Freer, Mrs. Frederick A. Geisel, Mrs. R. Gerald, Mrs. Herbert E. Hanes, James J. Mechura, Charlton A. Mewborn.

Mrs. Todd McCartney, Mrs. John L. McFadden, Rev. Maynard V. Midthun, Mrs. Edward Murawski, Jack Phillips, R. I. Plomert Jr., Mr. and Mrs. William Poser, George W. Post, Mrs. Paul Roberts.

Mrs. Melvin C. Shrader, R. Smith, Mrs. James E. Stadler, Mrs. David I. Tanner, Mrs. V. B. Terry, William H. Tolson, Robert H. Vroman, Mrs. Evelyn Warden, Mrs. O. L. Winn.

Mrs. Gus Cockrane, Mrs. Ray Stewart, Mrs. Kenneth McVey, Dick Fitzgerald and Dr. Howard A. Wood.

In requesting a tax over-ride of fifty cents, school board officials maintain the need to provide more facilities for the 27,000 expected September enrollment necessitate this revenue.

Opponents of the tax over-ride explain the school board received a tax over-ride of 75 cents in October, 1956, and that there is no time limit applied to the present tax increase request. The present school budget is \$11,484,000.

Editorial

It is an axiom when a whispering campaign buzzes around town that money is changing hands, that the old "payola" game is being played in City Hall, that some city councilmen are padding their wallets over the garbage mess, then something is rotten in Denmark. Something stinks.

It is time for an all-out investigation. It is time to pull the cord and turn the white, hot light of publicity on the entire garbage collection business.

The garbage business, which brings in some \$350,000 a year, and costs the city \$450,000 has been going on in the city since Torrance was first incorporated in 1921.

Now, to go on spending \$100,000 a year to collect and haul away rubbish is poor business, if a city can turn the matter over to a private reputable firm. We emphasize, "reputable."

Torrance got off to a wrong start by asking for bids in a sloppy manner, without agreeing upon specifications, without a complete understanding by the city council committee on what was needed.

A hodge-podge of bids were turned in, by firms offering one, three, and five year contracts, presenting a wide range of collection and disposal responsibilities.

Dissatisfied, the Mayor threw the bids out, and turned the whole matter back to the city council committee to come up with absolutely accurate specifications, and a whole new look-see on the entire rubbish mess.

Aug. 29, the committee is scheduled to roll up its sleeves and get down to a work session.

The Torrance Press submits that ours is not the first city to face a rubbish mess. Other cities have had both private enterprise collecting and disposing of its rubbish, and doing its own billing, as well as city-owned rubbish collection systems.

The question now is if Torrance can turn over its rubbish business to private enterprise, thereby saving the taxpayer and the city money expended, well and good.

But, Torrance and our city council must make ABSOLUTELY CERTAIN that specifications are for a five year period, that the firm chosen for this business has absolutely no taint of graft or corruption attached to it in any manner whatsoever.

Where there is talk of "payola" there is a smell. Rubbish smells enough without our city councilmen having any hands out for any handouts.

Members Argue Over Collection

Rubbish, which has been a civic problem and an expensive proposition since the city got into the hauling and disposal business, is due for a complete airing as the next major city council matter.



JUDY GRANT
... Deceased Twin
Photo by Photo Arts

Throwing out previously requested bids from private contractors, the council this week scheduled a new work session for the rubbish committee, slated Aug. 29. Councilman Nick O. Draie is chairman of the committee.

Additional items should be included in a new set of specifications, Mayor Albert Isen, reminded the committee. "We should have a complete understanding of a time limit and provisions must be made to include both garbage and refuse collections," the Mayor told the council.

The posting of a performance bond for \$150,000, and an open door permitting all reputable licensed contractors to bid, on residential, commercial and industrial collections of rubbish were additional provisions which the major urged.

City crews, under the direction of George Green, with whom the city has a month-to-month contract, will continue to pick up and dispose of rubbish and combustibles.

In the meantime, the city's public works department is preparing a new set of specifications, George Stevens, city manager, announced.

Torrance Mourns Drowned Victims

Torrance friends expressed sympathy to Jean and Janice Grant, 16 and 13, this week, on the tragic loss of the girls' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Grant, 5209 Arvada, and Jean's twin, Judy.

The trio was drowned in a Long Island Sound mishap as their boat tipped over.

The twins attended North Torrance High; Judy was a freshman and Jean was a sophomore.



JEAN GRANT
... Surviving Twin
Photo by Photo Arts



TRAGEDY—Irvin Quantz, 21937 So. Martin, Torrance, electrician at Vickers, 3201 Lomita, installing an outlet at the home of Carl DeBose, 4205 W. 226th St. Saturday morning, was electrocuted. The fire department's

resuscitator squad pulled Quantz' body from beneath the house. Patrolman Frank Solis is shown covering the victim. Mrs. Quantz and 3 children survive.

Press Photo by Bob Wintermyer

Grad Receives \$1500 Award

David Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Nelson, 1216 Fonthill Ave., Torrance, about to celebrate his 18th birthday Wednesday, is celebrating something else, a \$1,500 scholarship received recently.

The Torrance High graduate has been named recipient of a grant offered by the Victor Foundation, educational branch of the Victor Adding Machine Company.

County to Go on Running Alondra Park, Says Hahn

County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, who has been criticized in many Torrance quarters for his laxity in permitting Lavndale to institute annexation proceedings to "grab" Alondra Park, today emphasized in a statement to the Torrance Press that "Alondra Park is a regional county park and the county will continue to operate and maintain it."

Hahn announced he had directed County Counsel Harold Kennedy to review the entire problem of the legal status of the park's annexation and the "unusual proceedings" by which the action was taken.

Torrance attorney John Barton, meanwhile, has announced he is filing a citizen's suit to halt the annexation.

Couple Manages Chores Despite Wheelchair Life

What do you do when your dog is old and crippled, and you and your wife are confined to a wheelchair with multiple sclerosis? Simple. You teach the dog to bring in the newspaper.

This is the solution offered by retired U.S. Air Corps Colonel Charles Thaxton, 46, of Palos Verdes and his wife, Eleanor.

"The first five years are the roughest," declares Thaxton. "This is when you must adjust yourself to the fact that you have an incurable and progressively disabling disease with the prospect of an ever-narrowing scope of activity the rest of your life."

The colonel and his wife have met this challenge with

ingenuity. Although both are confined to wheelchair living, they are practically self-reliant, living in a home especially designed to accommodate their handicaps.

Rugless floors, sliding doors in wide doorways, and low, built-in furniture to facilitate wheelchair manipulation are basic features. Push buttons at wheelchair height turn on electric motors that operate doors of the bathrooms, garage and the television cabinet.

Twice a year the Thaxtons make a trip to the hospital, hoping news of a cure has been found for this baffling disease, the world's number onecrippler of young adults.

Stricken Family Reports Help

The George Charbonneau family, 1222 E. 222nd St., victims of muscular dystrophy whose story was told in the Torrance Press last week, is receiving a helping hand from many unexpected sources. Mrs. Charbonneau reported this week. A good samaritan has offered to wire the family garage, enabling Charbonneau to set up a machine shop.

Officials Meet on Library Site

Location of the proposed West Torrance branch library will be discussed Tuesday evening, Aug. 16 when the Torrance Library Commission meets in the City Hall Conference Room 209.



MANEUVERS—Come back in one piece, says Trudy Yearick, 816 Stavelo, to Lance Corporal Bob Beroni, 18110 Prairie Ave., as the Fifth Communication Co., local Marine Corps Reserve unit, takes off on desert maneuvers. The desert training is slated for two weeks, ending Aug. 27.